

## Flt. Sgt. Rene Rodger Landry R/100254 RCAF



### The Crew



Rene Landry      Grey Cumberbatch      Russell Avey      John Robinson      Alan Spence

Scratch marks appearing on the aircraft were made by the censor

Rene was the rear gunner of 100 Squadron Lancaster III ED549 HW-S when he was killed on 5 March 1943.

He was the son of Omar and Bertha Landry, born on 5 November 1919 in Norman, Ontario, Canada. Rene was a jig and tool maker before signing up and lists on his application form under relevant information "Have worked 10 months in an aircraft factory and understand the construction of planes"

He and his crew took off at 1832 hours from Grimsby on 4 March 1943 on a Gardening Operation (mine-laying) but crashed at 0308 hours while trying to land at Langar in Nottinghamshire. All but one of the crew, Sgt D S Davies, were killed.

The full crew comprised:

Flt. Sgt. G R Avey RCAF Pilot - killed  
Sgt. B T Hallett Flight Engineer - killed  
Sgt. A H Spence Navigator - killed  
Sgt. G D Cumberbatch Air Bomber - killed  
Sgt. J Robinson Wireless Operator - killed  
Sgt. D S Davies Air Gunner - injured  
Flt. Sgt. R S Landry RCAF Air Gunner - killed

Rene is buried in St Swithun's Churchyard, Long Bennington

Rene Rodger Landry can be found on panel 061

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